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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SALT Support Staff
FROM: Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT: Further Questions on the SALT IIM

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1. Introduction, page 5: I'm still confused as to when the Soviets must achieve the aggregate ceiling of 2400. According to this text, it's upon exchange of ratification instruments. Yet I also have read something about a six-month period in which there are sub-periods for achieving dismantlement of bombers, SLBMs and ICBMs. Is the six-month business just out the window? In short, the Soviets aren't obliged to dismantle between signing of the Treaty and exchange of ratification instruments; and if they are now above 2400, I don't see how they can be at 2400 when the Treaty goes into force, i.e., there is an exchange of ratification instruments.

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The same is true with the 225 on the SS-20s.

I didn't make myself clear with respect to deleting on page A6 in the section under "Moderate (DIA)." What I thought we should delete was simply the comma, not the paragraph.

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3. I like your graphic handout, "Major SALT II Provisions." Would you try two excursions on it, however.

a. The first would not divide it into Treaty and protocol. It would divide it into aggregate ceiling, MIRV ceiling, qualitative constraints, and bans and prohibitions. All of the protocol limitations would fit under bans and prohibitions, I assume, and we could indicate with an asterisk that they were in the protocol and everything else was in the Treaty.

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b. Another useful breakdown would be by aggregate ceilings, MIRV ceilings, other ICBM restrictions, other SLBM restrictions, other ASBM restrictions, other heavy bomber restrictions.

c. I'd also like to consider preparing this in a form that would have an additional column that would index it to our scorecard and another one that would index it to the provision of the Treaty. It would be my view that we would give one or the other of the above versions of this table with these two indices on it to all of the people we brief, and we would give them a scorecard. Presumably, they would have their own copy of the Treaty. This way, when we told them what we were going to brief on, they could compare it with what the provisions of the Treaty are and decide whether they wanted to hear about other items that we had not opted to cover.

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4. With respect to the graphics, I question whether we should use the boards at all or whether it isn't preferable to use the scorecard. Also, isn't everything on the viewgraph about Backfire on the scorecard?

With respect to the viewgraph on monitoring qualitative limitations, I couldn't identify that one.



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